Dear Gary, 7/21/72

I write this early in the a.m., before having to leave for DC. Or, long before today's mail. However, with so many weeks having passed since I last wrote you, weeks during whicch you have been silent in the face of specifics, I have to assume your intent is silence. What has been done can't very well be. I haven't been spending my time trying to find out what else has happened, but from an unexpected source I have found out a bit more, and it is no less troubling because the prospects of it also having a counterproductive consequence seems greater than the remote possibility of itproducing anything constructive. I know of the absolutely insane having already happened, and I have to le ve it that way.

There is one area in which I think your integrity requires other than silence of you, and it is that alone for which I write. I have asked that you return everything of mine to me. I recognize that you are busy, as you know I am, and it is an imposition on me, in my view, to require unnecessary time in writing again and again about the same thing.

I have not heard from you on when or how you will be returning everything you got from me. I am concerned about what I thing is without question breach of confidence. When I picked you out as one of my duplicate depositories there was no doubt and you have just acknowledged that you agreed to preserve my confidence. As you have to know, my concern was more than my right to first use of my own work. I have been absolutely terrified about misuse. You know this well. I think that regardless of motive, you have been part of that as well as breaches of confidence. So, I must again ask for the promptest possible return of all my work, in whatever form, all copies. I can't permit further such manifestations of what the immature and self-justifying Jerry calls "good conscience" and worse, believes it, as I presume you also at least did. Neither of you is any longer -Jerry never was- in a position to make such a judgement. I have made clear my view that at the best it was arrogant and immature of all of you to even conceive you were in a position to make may kind of mature judgement on this. You have been out of it for much too long, aside from what I regard as pertaining legal, moral and ethical grounds.

How you get the time is not my concern, and if it requires time you planned for vacation, that troubles little a man who has had neither time nor more for a vacation in so long he can t remember the last one. It is an obligation you owe us and your own integrity, When you undertake what you did, and that entirely on your own, without consultation, all falls on your own shoulders.

There are many areas in which you are so far out of it that you can't begin to know the harm your "good conscience" manifestations can do. One of this about which I am most concerned is some work you did for me, at my request, when you and Hal Verb were here, and I told you what files to get and what to get from them. They deal with Oswald as an agent. I have carried this much further than you know, opened sources of which you don t know and couldn't dream, and I need just one experience like that of the moment to frighten me quite thoroughly. As with the medical evidence, where all the bigshots of the critical community ass-sat their ways to self-importance while doing nothing, I did much work on this and I don't want it misused, used in any way, or jeopardized. This is work none of those of "good conscience" conceived, attempted or did. People who have talked to no others have talked to me in both areas. I have much more on Oswald as an agent, and I expect to be able to carry this much further than I have. I don t want any further "good conscience", arrogance, self-importance, dedication or any other kind of immature and unethical self-justifications to jeopardize it or any other work on which I am engaged.

You have acknowledge this is your obligation. I am calling on you to keep this word at least, and promptly. Therefore, I ask when to expect this to happen and how ad to ask you you propose to return it. My preference would be Greyhound, insured for more than the cost of zeroxing, those pages coming to 20¢ each. Will you please let me know?

Sincerely,